Diseases &c of brain & nerves cont.d:

For the chronic state of this excess sensibility, gentle frictions - cold air - & exercise promise success. Considering how much sensibil.y is encreased by a fulness of the blood vessels - Vs: sh.d: not be omitted. If it arises from a wound, the nerve should be destroyed by the knife, or a caustic.

Excess of Irritability

discovers itself by convulsions or startings upon the slightest impressions upon the senses of touch - seeing - hearing & smell. - I described a case of it in a young woman in the yellow fever of 1798. The noise of the door as I entered her room, - my voice, - & above all, my fingers when I touched her pulse, excited startings bordering upon convulsions in her whole system.

V From the existence of morbid sensibⁿ. & Irritabⁿ, independently of each other, you will now understand the reason why in some diseases there is great pain without any appearance of morbid action, & in others great morbid action, with little or no pain. In the one case, the moving fibres are prostrated below the moving point in the other - the sentient fibres are prostrated below the feeling point.

This morbid irritability yielded to Vs - 3/4
and the usual Remedies for yellow fever.

This distressing disease of the nerves sometimes appears in a chronic form. It is excited by the human Voice - & even by the human face. An English Gent.n lately visited this city whose whole Nervous System was thrown into commotions every time he came into company. They were removed when ever he was spoken to, or drank to at dinner. A Rheumatism suspended them for some time. This suggests the propriety of Remedies which occasion pain - for in this irritable state of the nerves, sensibility is generally in a deficient state. Pain would probably equalize this state of healthy action.

The excess of sensibility & irritability

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constituting Irritability appears in Hysteria & Epilepsy. Its Remedies ~~are th~~ were mentioned in treating of those diseases. Van-Swieten's bandages should not be forgotten. I have twice seen them useful. Afterwards the Cold, Bath & exercise shd complete the Cure. If it shd be attended with plethora, and a full or tense pulse V.S. should not be omitted.

a Defect of Sensibility called by Dr Cullen Stupor appears in the Skin Nerves & muscles. We read of persons who have borne pins to be thrust into ye flesh without feeling them. The ~~Negr~~ negroes in the Island of Jamaica Dr Grosely says talk with composure while under the

amputating knife of a Surgeon. Heat & cold - fasting and fulness, also emetic nar-cotic medicines produce it. Its Remedies should be accommodated to its remote causes. when from Heat - its remedy will be cold, when from Cold - Heat cures it. This has often been proved by persons who have contracted it in a hot climate, visiting & residing in a cold Climate & vice versa.

A defect of Irritability - or Torpor of the nervous System, appears in the languid emotions of the limbs - in the coldness & dryness of the Skin. This is so great that Blisters do not act upon it. - It appears in the Stomach & bowels, - hence they are often immovable by ~~the~~ large doses of Emetics & purges.

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The acute form of this ~~dis~~ disorder is often cured by VS & other depleting remedies. Its chronic form yields to the hot bath - ~~and a sale~~ exercise - & salivation.

The Insensia of a defect of Sensibility & Irritability of the nervous system appears in the skin & limbs in the typhus fever. hence patients in it sometimes ~~lo~~ bruise their toes & feet without feeling, or moving them. It appears chiefly in ~~Atrophia~~ Mania, & fatuity in which cases, the body partakes nearly as much of the vegetable as the animal nature. Its Remedies are the same as for those diseases or disorders. The hot bath should first be employed to thaw (as it were) the

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nervous hysteria - afterwards the cold
bath - ℞ and pain - promise a cure.